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Situation Report
Winter Storm
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SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on January 12, causing heavy damage throughout the state. An area from Joplin to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. More freezing precipitation took place on January 13 & 14. Snow is forecast to return to the state this weekend. **The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a winter weather advisories in many of the same counties that were affected by the events last weekend.**

On January 15, the President authorized Public Assistance (PA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to local governments and qualifying non-profit agencies for debris removal and certain emergency protective measures (Categories A & B). The following counties were included in the disaster declaration: Barry, Barton, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Stone, Warren, Webster, Wright, and the City of St Louis. Additional counties may be added at a later date following preliminary damage assessments, which are expected to begin early next week. On Friday, SEMA officials conducted a debris management conference call for local government officials. Another debris management conference call will be conducted at 11am on Monday.

As of Saturday morning, officials reported shelter population was continuing to decrease. **56 shelters were open throughout the state, with a total estimated population of about 1,800 people.**

On Wednesday, state officials set up the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline to coordinate and distribute donations, volunteers and to provide information on local relief efforts. **The number is 888-377-2100, and will be staffed from 9am-9pm daily. The hotline took 239 calls on Friday.**

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Dallas County	2	2 possible CO deaths
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County	1	CO-related
Jasper County	1	CO related
Jackson County	3	3 traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
Newton County	1	CO related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	12	7 traffic-related; 5 CO-related

Power restoration

Officials report more than **59,000 customers statewide** are without power as a result of the storm. **Rural electric coops report 27,000 customers** without power. **Empire Electric reports 18,000 customers** in southwest Missouri are without power. **Springfield City Utilities reports 14,500 customers** still without power. Power was restored to AmerenUE customers on Thursday. Power for Aquila customers was restored on January 16 in west-central Missouri. On Friday, officials reported all utilities had ample materials and manpower to restore power as quickly as possible. However, in some areas officials are warning that power restoration efforts could last through the end of next week.

County Reports

Barry County—Officials report 7,000 homes were still without power on Friday. Power has just about been fully restored in Monett. Ten people affected by carbon monoxide Wednesday, with eight of them taken to the hospital for treatment. Two shelters were open on Friday, with a population of about 120 people. **About 600 meals were served at shelters Friday.** Health and welfare checks for residents in rural areas are nearing completion.

Barton County—One shelter was open Wednesday with a population of 40 people. All power is back on, roads are clear, and residents have returned home.

Camden County—Officials reported on Friday that no one was being housed in shelters, although they remain on standby if needed.

Christian County—Officials estimated 3,000 homes were without power on Thursday. **All shelters have closed, but remain on standby if needed.** Health and welfare checks continued on Friday throughout the county.

Crawford County—Two shelters were open Wednesday with a population of 21 people.

Dade County—Officials reported **1,500 homes remained without power on Saturday**, mostly in the southern half of the county. Four warming centers were open on Thursday. **Only one water system was still advising customers to boil water on Saturday.** Meals for about 75 people were served at shelters Thursday.

Dallas County—Officials reported on Friday that power outages were still affecting a large part of the county. There are estimates that power restoration efforts may continue through next week. One shelter was open in the county, with 900 meals served on Thursday. Health & welfare checks were completed on Friday. Agricultural water drops scheduled to take place Friday.

Greene County—Officials reported nearly 40,000 homes without power Thursday across the county. Six shelters were open on Thursday, with a population of 668 people. Roads are now reported to be clear. Authorities have been conducting health and welfare checks. Fuel availability situation has improved greatly. There has been an increase in the number of structure fires, as power as been restored.

Hickory County—Officials reported six shelters were open on Wednesday, with a total population of 119 people.

Jasper County—Officials report a death in Joplin is related to carbon monoxide poisoning. **An estimated 800 homes and businesses were without power on Saturday. One shelter was open on Friday with a population under 20 people.** Health & welfare checks are continuing in the county. A boil-water order was issue for Sarcxie on Friday.

Laclede County—Officials report about 6,000 rural customers without power Friday. **Power was interrupted in Lebanon for two hours on Friday, but has since been restored to most areas.** Power restoration efforts in rural areas are expected to last into next week. The shelter population in Lebanon was 403 people on Friday. Health & welfare checks continued on Friday. **Officials reported all roads were passable (at least one lane) on Saturday.**

Lawrence County—Officials estimated **7,200 homes remain without power on Saturday**, mostly in rural areas of the county. Six shelters were operational on Saturday, with three special needs centers and four warming centers. Health and welfare checks are expected to wrap up this weekend.

Maries County—Officials report power has been restored to most people in Vienna and Belle, **although power was still out to 20% of the county on Saturday.** A boil-water order was issued for residents in Vienna on Tuesday. On Friday, officials placed all shelters in a standby status, pending results of ongoing health and welfare checks. **Health and welfare check are expected to be complete this weekend.**

McDonald County—Officials reported power had been restored in most of Anderson, Noel, and Pineville on Saturday. However, there are still significant outages in rural areas of the county. Debris has been cleared on nearly all county roads. **Two shelters were open on Friday with a total population of 90.** 17 people have been treated for CO poisoning. Health & welfare checks were nearly complete on Friday.

Miller County—Officials reported about 5,000 customers without power on Friday, mostly in the southern part of the county. Two shelters were open on Thursday, but population figures were not immediately available. **On Saturday, officials reported all roads were passable (at least one lane open). Officials estimate about 360 meals per day are being prepared at shelters and feeding stations.**

Newton County—Officials report 20,000 customers were without power on Friday. One person has died as a result of CO poisoning. Operating six shelters for 275 people on Friday. Health & welfare checks and debris cleanup operations continued on Friday. **Officials reported two water systems were still on generator power on Saturday.**

Phelps County—Officials report good progress on power restoration efforts in Rolla and St James. All warming centers have closed in St James. Debris removal is underway.

Polk County—Officials report most (70%) of rural part of the county was still without power on Friday. **Three shelters were open Friday night, with a total population of about 75 people.**

Pulaski County—Officials reported significant power outages in rural areas of the county on Saturday. Boil water orders were in effect in Richland and Crocker. On Tuesday, officials said the power infrastructure in Richland had been destroyed by the storm. Ten shelters were open Wednesday with a total population of nearly 600 people.

Stone County—Power is back on in most areas and roads are open. One shelter was open near Hurley Thursday with a population of six people. Some house-to-house checks are going on today in northern part of the county.

Warren County—Officials reported 1,300 people without power early in the storm. Warming centers were opened Sunday night.

Webster County—Officials reported 6,000 homes without power on Saturday. Power was interrupted on Friday in Marshfield and other areas that had previously been restored. **Two shelters were open on Saturday, but no population figures were immediately available.** Boil water order remains in effect in Diggins. Officials report two CO cases requiring hospitalization. They also report 95% of roads now passable.

Wright County—Officials reported hundreds of people were without power in areas north of Hartville. One warming center was open on Tuesday.

State Actions

Governor Blunt issued Executive Order 07-02 on Saturday declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-03 that same day activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response. On January 15, the Governor requested a Federal Expedited Disaster Declaration for 34 Counties and the City of St. Louis. On Wednesday, Governor Blunt dispatched a team representing various state agencies to Springfield to make contact with local officials in affected areas in southwest Missouri. On Friday, team members made contact with local officials in Dallas, Dade, Laclede, Lawrence, and Webster Counties.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). from 7am to 11pm daily. Those needing assistance after hours should contact the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748. SEMA continues to conduct daily situational awareness conference calls with local officials. **The next call will be**

conducted on Sunday at 9am. A debris management conference call has been set for Monday at 11am. SEMA is also scheduling visits to start damage assessment with local officials next week.

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has over 500 people assisting missions ranging from debris removal, to health and safety checks and transporting generators, cots, food, and blankets.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) continues to provide manpower to support law enforcement requests as needed. MSHP reports seven people have died from weather-related traffic accidents.

Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP) is assisting with health and welfare checks in Dallas and Hickory Counties.

Division of Fire Safety is working requests for fire mutual aid and Incident Management Teams as needed. The State Fire Marshal reminds all jurisdictions to be careful with 1). Exceeding capacities, which would hinder prompt evacuation in case of fire at shelters, warming centers, and feeding centers. 2). Where use of generators is involved, make sure that they are properly vented and the fuel source is not leaking creating additional hazards.

Office of Administration (OA) has delivered over 100 generators throughout the affected area as well as 11 palletes of Meals-Ready-to-Eat to the affected area. OA is checking on property damage at State properties.

Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC) is assisting with debris clearance activities in numerous counties across the affected area.

Dept of Corrections (DOC) is assisting with transportation of donated goods and equipment across the affected area.

Dept of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is working on nursing home power restoration and checking for special-needs population health issues. The DSR is monitoring and assisting with health related issues.

Dept of Higher Education is coordinating response of debris clearance personnel and equipment being loaned by universities.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is clearing roads throughout the State. Roads conditions are improving, but watching for re-freezing as temperatures drop below freezing. MoDOT has also provided some of its Mobile Emergency Response Operations Center (MEROC) communications trailers to locations in the affected area. MoDOT has also provided fueling services for generators in operation across the affected area.

Dept of Mental Health (DMH) is coordinating mental health providers and services across the affected area.

Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued waivers on landfill restrictions and open burning for storm generated yard waste. Energy Center staff is working with fuel supply issues in the impacted counties. DNR is also providing assistance with debris clearance in the affected area, as well as working on public drinking water facility issues and wastewater issues.

Department of Social Services (DSS) continues to provide support to many shelters in the following counties: Christian, Crawford, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Polk, and Webster among others. DSS has also taken more than 560 applications for replacement food stamps in the affected areas.

Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC) has been ordering and coordinating shipments of additional cots, and blankets for people in the affected area. Local jurisdictions needing hot meals can contact the Red Cross about their availability. The organization is also assisting with coordination of food shipments to the affected area, as needed. **On Saturday, ARC reported additional heater meals had arrived in the disaster area.**

The Salvation Army (TSA) is assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. TSA is now assisting local response needs in Greene, Hickory, Jasper and Polk counties. Its Carthage office is now being used as the shelter in Jasper County.

AmeriCorps has deployed 47 volunteers in Missouri. Teams are active in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), as well as Barry, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Laclede, Lawrence, Polk, and Pulaski Counties. Volunteers are supporting operations in shelters and EOCs, assisting with health and welfare checks, delivering food and water, and supplying small generators across the affected area. Volunteers are also staffing a donation hotline (888-377-2100).

Weather

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued snow and winter weather advisories through noon on Sunday for all areas of the state. Snow accumulations are currently forecast to be around 3-6" along and north of I-44, and slightly less south of that line. Minor sleet or ice accumulations are also possible across the south.

NWS in Springfield expects precipitation to begin after 2pm along a Harrisonville-Stockton-Cassville line. Precipitation is expected to begin after 4pm along a Sedalia-Macks Creek-Marshfield line. Precipitation is expected to begin after 6pm along a Jefferson City-Salem-Thayer line.

This area includes many of the locations impacted by the ice storm last weekend. Winds are also expected to increase as this system moves through the area Saturday night. Temperatures are not expected to climb above the freezing mark at least through the weekend, and the early part of next week.

Point of Contact:

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed from 7am-11pm daily. After-hours calls should be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748.

Persons affected by the storm who need information on relief efforts in their area can call the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline at 888-377-2100. This number will be staffed from 9am-9pm daily.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>